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SUBJECT: CEYHAN RIVER FLOODING
1. HEAVY RAINS DURING LAST HALF OF APRIL HAVE CAUSED SEVERE AND WIDE-SPREAD FLOODING IN THE CEYHAN RIVER PLAIN OF THE CUKUROVA. LOCAL SOURCES REPORT SOME 200,000 DONUMS OF WHEAT AND COTTON LAND AND 25 VILLAGES HAVE BEEN INUNDATED. THE INHABITANTS OF SOME VILLAGES HAVE BEEN EVACUATED. NO LIVES HAVE BEEN LOST.
2. AT MOMENT DAMAGE ASSESSMENT DIFFICULT. CURRENT LOSS ESTIMATES RANGE FROM TL 50 MILLION TO TL 100 MILLION. IN ADDITION, AS A RESULT OF THE RAINS COTTON PLANTING IS EXPECTED TO BE DELAYED ABOUT A MONTH.
3. FOLLOWING APRIL 20 VISIT TO EFFECTED AREAS, MINISTER OF ENERGY

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AND NATURAL RESOURCES KILIC POINTED OUT THAT COMPLETION OF ASLANTAS DAM IN FIVE AND HALF YEARS WILL END FLOODING OF CEYHAN PLAIN. IN MEANTIME HE PROMISED CONSTRUCTION OF LEVIES ON BOTH BANKS OF THE CEYHAN AS TEMPORARY EXPEDIENT.
4. COMMENT. NO DOUBT SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE HAS BEEN SUFFERED BY INDIVIDUAL

FARMERS IN CEYHAN PLAIN. ON BALANCE, HOWEVER, IF WEATHER NOW TURNS WARM AND COTTON PLANTATION NOT SUBSTANTIALLY DELAYED, SATURATING APRIL
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